

SOUTHALL CHECK WYCOMBE

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SOUTHALL face a hard task when they meet Wycombe Wanderers in the return leg of this Mithras Cup tie but are confident of their chances following their fighting performance on Tuesday evening.

Southall fought like de-

mons to make sure they had a lead to take with them to Loakes Park. But they were thwarted by a superbly disciplined Wycombe defence and a large slice of bad luck.

If a shot by Dave Juneman had gone in instead of hitting the post rebounding to safety just after half time, the result could well have been a good win for Southall.

Apart from goalkeeper Pratt, a former Hayes player, this was Wycombe's first team and no one could have expected Southall to do so well.

They were a goal down after only 10 minutes but roared back into the game like an express train to almost flatten the opposition.

Southall really revelled in

the mud despite the tremendous amount of effort expended were still making most of the running in the final stages.

Hitting hard and fast in an exhilarating first half the Southall attack forced Wycombe into many errors although none fatal until the 35th minute when a long range shot from Sidey was misjudged by Pratt as the ball flew into the net.

Southall's grip on the game weakened in the second half and it took a fine save from Walker to keep Wycombe at bay. Then Nelhams got his head to a ball to divert an almost certain goal.

SOUTHALL: Walker; Helhams, Hopkins, Savina, King, Dillworth, Ellis, Juneman, Lavers, Slade, Sidey. Sub.: Sheppard.

Gradually the gain to Walton's end Bloom atoned for in order to keep out a shot from Juneman then broke through Lavers to have his second round and first corner Savina just the ball over the bar.

The tension came over into the second where centre-forward wasted a good chance then forced two but with 18 players the goalmouth the King emerged to ball clear.

But it wasn't until the 76th minute that the was finally settled and a Walton defence for the ball but the all forward was much mer and the chance was for Sidey who goal accepted.

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WALTON: Bloom; Durham, Mead, Donaldson, Scott, Goode, Gale, Grondana, Sub.: Somers.

FIXTURES

F.A. AMATEUR CUP (3rd Round).—Wealdstone v. Hayes; Whitley Bay v. Slough.

COUNTY CUP (Berk. & Bucks.).—Wokingham v. Wycombe. (Middx.).—Wilkesden v. Uxbridge.

ATHENIAN (Premier).—Leatherhead v. Hounslow; Southall v. Dagenham; Wembley v. Walton. (Division 1).—Chesham v. Carshalton. (Division 2).—Edgware v. Ruislip; Rainham v. Harrow.